Electric Light (album)

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Electric Light is the second studio album by British singer-songwriter James Bay. The album was released on 18 May 2018 through Republic Records.[2]

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Background [edit source]

On 7 March 2018, Bay announced that his second album was called *Electric Light* and would be released on 18 May 2018. In a press release, he said: "If I had to describe my first album visually it would probably be a flame – while this new album is about a real sonic and artistic evolution for me. The feeling of a 100 watt bulb expanding and brightening is what I envisioned. *Electric Light* came to my mind and I knew it was perfect."[3]

Critical reception [edit source]

At Metacritic, which assigns a normalised rating out of 100 to reviews from mainstream critics, the album has an average score of 71 based on 13 ratings, indicating "generally favorable reviews".[15] Jordan Bassett of *NME* stated "'Electric Light' is all over the place. There are hip-hop style spoken-word skits on the record and, actually, it sometimes sounds more like a lush, exploratory mixtape than a coherent album." He rated the album 3/5.[16] *Q* magazine was quoted as saying the album contains "an admirable desire for transformation."[15] Stereogum wrote "It's a genuinely thrilling piece of work, one that converted me into a James Bay fan on impact."[17]

Track listing [edit source]

Electric Light[18]

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Producer(s)	Length
1.	"Intro"	James Bay	Bay	0:58
2.	"Wasted on Each Other"	Bay · Jonathan Green	Bay · Green · Paul Epworth[b]	3:58
3.	"Pink Lemonade"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	4:14
4.	"Wild Love"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:17
5.	"Us"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:01
6.	"In My Head"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:07
7.	"Interlude"	Bay	Bay	1:01
8.	"Just for Tonight"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:37
9.	"Wanderlust"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green[a] · Epworth[a]	4:16
10.	"I Found You"	Bay · James Napier	Bay · Green[a] · Epworth[a]	5:06
11.	"Sugar Drunk High"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green	3:39
12.	"Stand Up"	Bay · Green · Epworth	Bay · Green[a] · Epworth[a]	4:59
13.	"Fade Out"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:52
14.	"Slide"	Bay · Green · Allen Ginsberg	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:21
			Total length:	**48:26**

Electric Light – Target exclusive edition (bonus tracks)[19]

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Producer(s)	Length
15.	"Confirmation"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green	3:14
16.	"Young Hearts in the Dark"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:17
			Total length:	**54:59**

Electric Light – Deluxe edition (bonus tracks) **& Japanese edition bonus tracks**

No.	Title	Length
15.	"Wild Love" (Acoustic)	3:09
16.	"Pink Lemonade" (Acoustic)	4:23
17.	"Us" (Acoustic)	3:03
	Total length:	**59:04**

Japanese edition bonus tracks[20]

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Producer(s)	Length
18.	"Confirmation"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green	3:14
19.	"Young Hearts in the Dark"	Bay · Green	Bay · Green · Epworth[b]	3:17
			Total length:	**65:43**

Notes

- ^[a] signifies a co-producer
- ^[b] signifies an additional producer

Charts [edit source]

Chart (2018)	Peak position
Australian Albums (ARIA)[21]	14
Austrian Albums (Ö3 Austria)[22]	20
Belgian Albums (Ultratop Flanders)[23]	24
Belgian Albums (Ultratop Wallonia)[24]	81
Canadian Albums (*Billboard*)[25]	14
Czech Albums (ČNS IFPI)[26]	43
Dutch Albums (Album Top 100)[27]	13
French Albums (SNEP)[28]	156
German Albums (Offizielle Top 100)[29]	14
Irish Albums (IRMA)[30]	12
Italian Albums (FIMI)[31]	75
Japanese Albums (Oricon)[32]	140
New Zealand Albums (RMNZ)[33]	21
Norwegian Albums (VG-lista)[34]	25
Portuguese Albums (AFP)[35]	22
Scottish Albums (OCC)[36]	3
Spanish Albums (PROMUSICAE)[37]	81
Swedish Albums (Sverigetopplistan)[38]	26
Swiss Albums (Schweizer Hitparade)[39]	6
UK Albums (OCC)[40]	2
US *Billboard* 200[41]	21

Certifications [edit source]

Region	Certification	Certified units/sales
United Kingdom (BPI)[42]	Silver	60,000‡

‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone.

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Electric Light	
Studio album by James Bay	
Released	18 May 2018
Genre	Electronic rock · Indie rock
Length	48:26
Label	Virgin EMI · Republic
Producer	James Bay (exec.) · Paul Epworth (also exec.) · Jon Green
James Bay chronology	
Chaos and the Calm (2015)	***Electric Light*** (2018)
Singles from *Electric Light*	
1. "Wild Love" Released: 8 February 2018	
2. "Pink Lemonade" Released: 7 March 2018	
3. "Us" Released: 30 March 2018	
4. "Just For Tonight" Released: 10 August 2018[1]	

Professional ratings

Aggregate scores	
Source	**Rating**
Metacritic	71/100[4]
Review scores	
Source	**Rating**
AllMusic	★★★★½[5]
The A.V. Club	B[6]
Clash	7/10[7]
Cryptic Rock	★★★★½[8]
The Guardian	★★★★☆[9]
The Independent	★★★★☆[10]
MusicOMH	★★★★☆[11]
NME	★★★★☆[12]
Q Magazine	★★★★☆[13]
Variety	Positive[14]

v · t · e	**James Bay**	[hide]
	Discography	
Studio albums	*Chaos and the Calm* · ***Electric Light***	
Singles	"Let It Go" · "Hold Back the River" · "Scars" · "If You Ever Want to Be in Love" · "Best Fake Smile" · "Running" · "Wild Love" · "Pink Lemonade" · "Us" · "Peer Pressure" · "Bad"	

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